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May 19, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 9th Street, Room 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Bay-Delta Advisory Council

Dear Mr. Snow:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 9 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC). At our last quarterly meeting on May 5, 1999 two individuals were selected by the group to serve as the RTOC's representatives to the CALFED Bay-Delta Advisory Council.

Mr. Mike Schaver of the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians will serve as the primary representative and Mr. Chuck Striplen of the Hoopa Valley Tribe will serve as the alternate representative. The representatives can be reached at the following addresses:

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One of the RTOC's goals is to foster and encourage partnerships between federal agencies and Tribal governments, and to build relationships to improve environmental and public health protection on Indian lands. We believe having Tribal representatives on the Bay-Delta Advisory Council is a step towards meeting this goal.

Please be advised that having Tribal representatives on the Bay-Delta Advisory Council does not take the place of government-to-government consultation between federal agencies and Tribes, and that the recent efforts made by CALFED to consult with Tribal governments must continue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teri Cawelti, Co-Chairperson
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